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Applicant : Marco Winter et al.  
Serial No. : 10/500,204  
Filed : June 28, 2004  
For : Method and Apparatus for Automatic Detection of Data Types  
for Data Type Dependent Processing  
Examiner : Sathyanaraya R. Pannala  
Art Unit : 2164

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir,

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination. The Preliminary Amendment responds to the Office Action dated December 22, 2006, for which a shortened statutory period of three months for response ending March 22, 2007 has been set, the following amendments and comments are submitted and reconsideration of the claim rejections is respectfully requested.

In view of the attached RCE, this response is considered timely.

**Listing/Amendments of the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.**

**Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.**

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